

Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Close, Deceased.

Last Will and Testament together with the proof thereof be recorded by the Judge of this court in a Book by him kept for that purpose.

In the name of the Benevolent Father of all. I Benjamin Close of Sullivan Township, County of Ashland & State of Ohio do make and publish this my last will and testament.

Item 1st I give and devise to my beloved wife in lieu of her dower, all the real estate that I now own situate in the township aforesaid containing about one hundred and sixteen acres during her natural life, and all the stock, household goods, furniture, provisions and other goods and chattel which may be thereon at the time of my decease during her natural life as aforesaid. She, however, selling so much thereof as may be sufficient to pay my just debts.

Item 2nd I devise and bequeath to my son Samuel Close fifty acres of land situate on lot seventy which I now hold a deed of. But the said Samuel Close is not to come in to possession of said property of fifty acres until after my wife's decease.

Item 3rd I devise and bequeath to my daughter Marinda and heirs the sum of one hundred dollars including the amount that my said daughter Marinda has received of me.

Item 4th During my son Alanson's life and when he was alive I paid him the said Alanson, or in other words, I gave him fifty acres of land which he and I considered was his equal share of my estate and he gave me a writing to that effect.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Deborah and heirs the sum of one hundred dollars including the amount that she received of me.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Alvira the sum of one hundred dollars which she has received.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel's heirs the sum of one hundred dollars.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca's heirs the sum of one hundred dollars.

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the sum of one hundred dollars including the amount that she has already received.

Item 10th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah the sum of one hundred dollars.

Item 11th I give and bequeath to my daughter Annis M. the sum of one hundred dollars.

Item 12th I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy the sum of one hundred dollars.

Item 13th I give and bequeath to my son Reuben H. the sum of three hundred dollars. It is my will that none of my heirs herein mentioned shall be entitled to demand or call for his, her or their share of my estate as herein devised until after the decease of my wife. It is my will that if Marinda's heirs, Deborah Ann's heirs, Nathaniel's heirs or Rebecca's heirs shall die before the decease of my wife then in such case each heir's amount or sum herein bequeathed shall be divided among my then living children, or if either of my children die before the decease of my wife leaving no heir or heirs then in such case the sum or amount herein bequeathed to such child or children shall be equally divided among my then living children. I have herein bequeathed to my son Samuel fifty acres of land but it is on certain condition namely, he the said Samuel is to remain on the farm with me and with my counsel and advice he is to labor and manage the said farm or estate in a good husband-like manner. At my decease if my wife is still living he the said Samuel is to continue on said farm or estate in like manner and take care of and provide all things necessary for the comfort and convenience of my wife during her natural life.

And the said Samuel has the privilege to buy out all or any of my heirs herein mentioned that is of age if he has a mind to.